



Highlights of the Preferred Alternative

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park General Plan

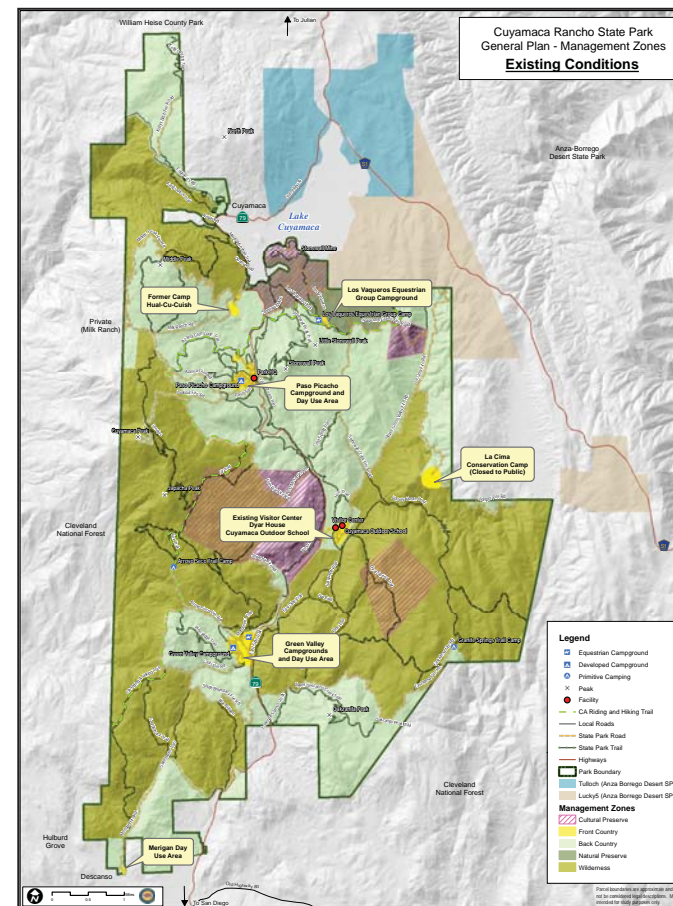
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Park Entrance Sign



Draft Management Zone Map



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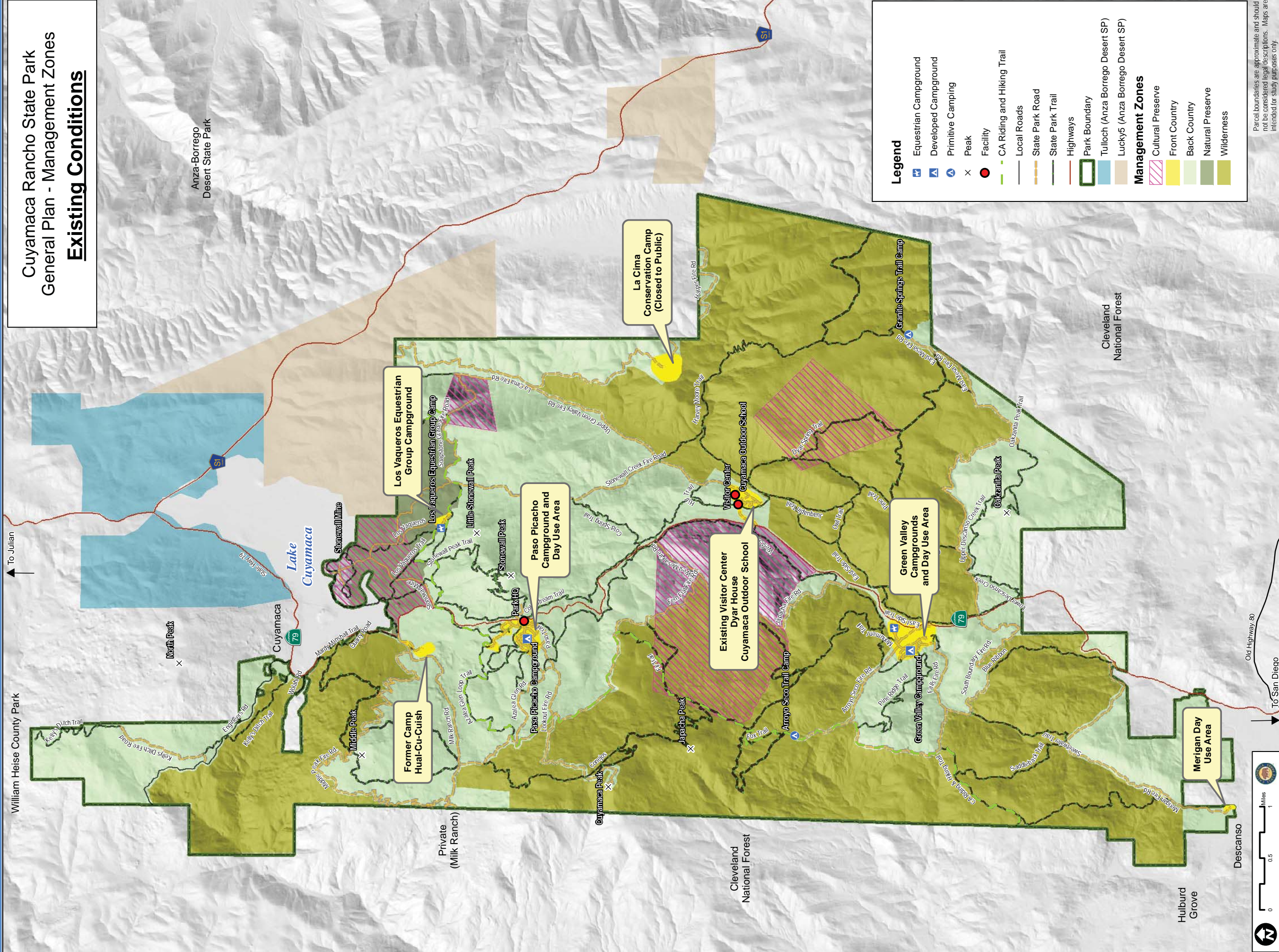
View near Lake Cuyamaca

DRAFT MANAGEMENT ZONES MATRIX

The Management Zones shown below will be applied to the Management Zone Maps on pages 3 and 4.

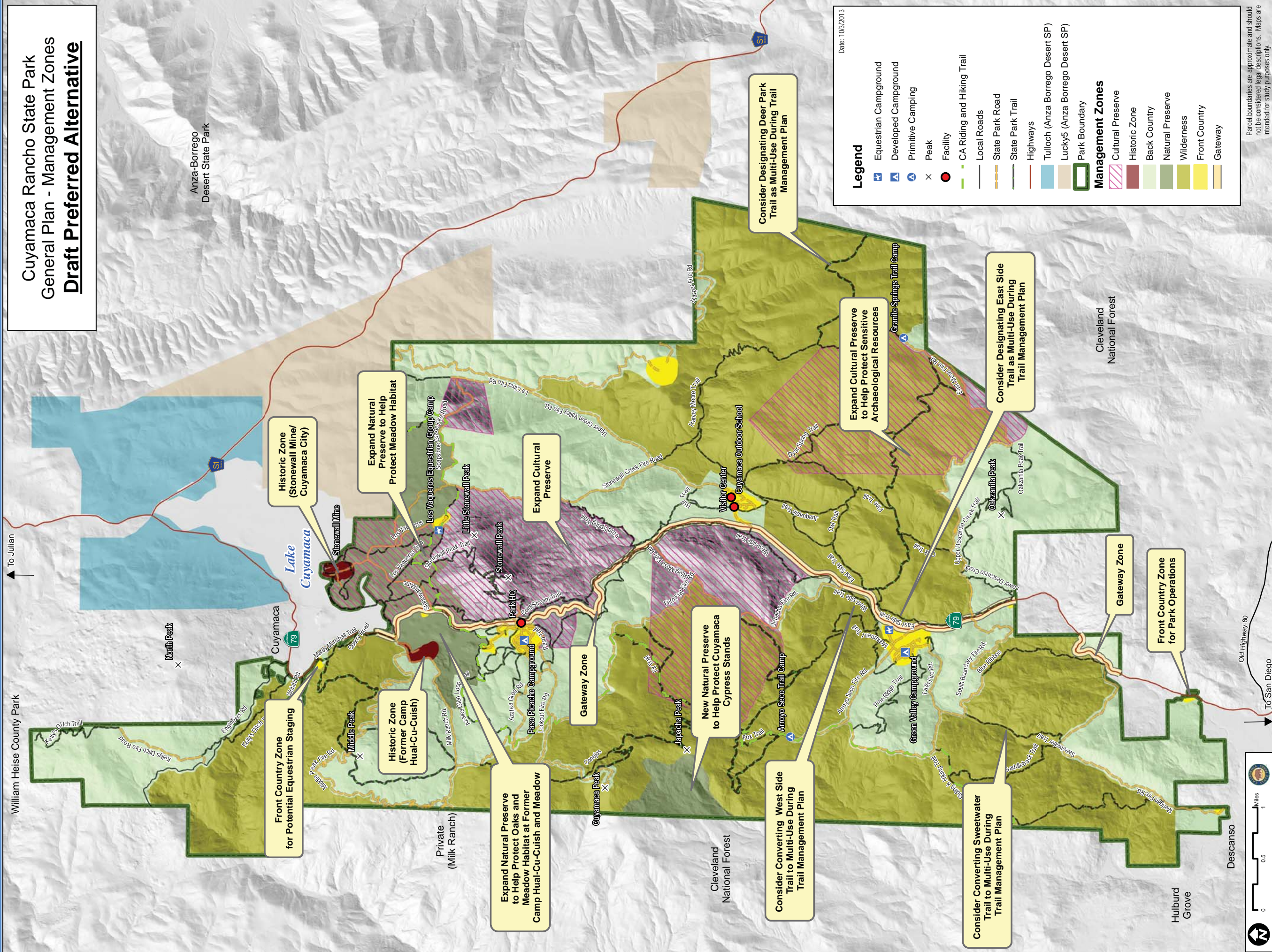
Zones:	Gateway	Front-Country	Back-Country	Wilderness	Natural Preserve	Cultural Preserve	Historic
Zone Description	This zone includes the portion of State Route 79 right-of-way that runs through the Park including eight (8) existing day-use parking areas/pull-outs. This zone will serve as a gateway to the park and is focused on vehicle access, sightseeing, day use parking, park orientation, and trail access.	This zone includes developed areas such as campgrounds, visitor centers, picnic areas, parking, and operations facilities as well as the historic Dyar House and Cuyamaca Outdoor School. This zone is managed for visitor access, orientation, education, and recreation as well as park operations.	This zone generally includes non-wilderness, central areas of the park adjacent to the Gateway Zone or Front-Country Zone. This zone represents a transition between the Front-Country or Gateway Zones and Wilderness	This zone includes existing and proposed State Wilderness, and is managed primarily to preserve the area's wilderness values such as naturalness, undeveloped, and expansive.	This zone includes existing and proposed Natural Preserves and contains significant, rare, and/or endangered natural resources. This zone is focused on the preservation, protection, and interpretation of the area's natural resources.	This zone includes existing and proposed Cultural Preserves and contains a high concentration of significant cultural resources. This zone is focused on the preservation, protection, and interpretation of the area's cultural resources.	This zone includes the Stonewall Mine/Cuyamaca City site which lies within the Ah-Ha-Cuyamac Cultural Preserve as well as the former Camp Hual-Cu-Cuish. This zone is focused on protecting, preserving, and interpreting the significant historic resources of the area.
Classification	State Park	State Park	State Park	State Wilderness	State Natural Preserve	State Cultural Preserve	State Cultural Preserve (at Stonewall Mine) State Park (at former Camp Hual-Cu-Cuish)
Resource Character and Management (Carrying Capacity Objective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protect scenic viewsheds- Provide for positive first impressions to the park- Development includes facilities to provide vehicle access and parking, and interpretive elements to support orientation to the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Development includes a diversity of facilities to support park operations, visitor use, and interpretation and education, mixed with open space and natural settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No facilities or development other than fire roads, trails, minor interpretive elements, and primitive trail camps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No facilities or development other than trails and minor interpretive elements- No mechanical conveyances allowed (Per Public Resources Code)- Natural resources are in as pristine a condition as possible and are minimally modified only for wilderness visitor use and resource protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No facilities or development other than fire roads and trails- Natural resources are in as pristine a condition as possible and the zone is managed foremost to protect identified natural resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Cuyamaca Lake downingia+ Parish's meadowfoam+ Cuyamaca larkspur+ Jeffrey Pine forest+ Montane hardwood conifer forest+ Cuyamaca cypress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No facilities or development other than fire roads and trails- Zone is managed foremost to protect cultural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Development in this zone consists primarily of restoration/reconstruction of key historic structures and additional facilities necessary for adaptive reuse, and/or public education and enjoyment.
Visitor Experiences (Carrying Capacity Objective)	<p>Visitors will gain access and be oriented to the park, experience scenic vistas, and have the option to park their vehicles during the day and access the trail network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Medium level of use- Moderate contact with others- Few opportunities for quiet and solitude	<p>Visitors will have access to a wide variety of experiences within this zone, including camping, participation in group activities, enjoying the convenience of developed facilities, as well as introduction to the natural setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- High level of use- Maximum contact with others- Few opportunities for quiet and solitude	<p>Visitors will have the opportunity to transition from busier and noisier high use/developed areas to the relaxed and quieter wilderness areas of the park via the trail system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Low to moderate level of use- Minimal to moderate contact with others- Some opportunities for quiet and solitude	<p>Within this zone, visitors will be immersed in an undeveloped and wild environment, and will have the opportunity to experience solitude, natural sounds, a sense of remoteness and self reliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Low level of use- Minimal contact with others- Maximum opportunities for quiet and solitude	<p>Visitors will have the opportunity to become familiar with sensitive natural resources, natural processes, and the protections required. Visitor experiences will be compatible with this goal and only facilities which enhance this will be present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Low to moderate level of use- Minimal to moderate contact with others- Some opportunities for quiet and solitude	<p>Visitors will have the opportunity to become aware of the importance, sensitivity and fragility of the area's cultural resources and protections required. Visitor experiences will be compatible with this goal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Low level of use- Minimal contact with others- Some opportunities for quiet and solitude	<p>Visitors will be able to learn about a historic mine and company town, and also about the CCC and late-1930's to early-1940's Park Rustic architecture. Interpretational and educational facilities and programs for cultural resources will be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderate level of use- Moderate contact with others- Some opportunities for quiet and solitude
Time of Use	Day use only	Day and overnight use	Day and overnight use	Day use only	Day use only	Day use only	Day and overnight use
Typical Visitor Activities/Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enjoying scenic views- Accessing trailheads- Acquiring park information (maps, services and programs, rules, regulations)- Viewing interpretive and education displays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping in designated areas- Picnicking- Attending interpretive and educational programs- Hiking, biking, and equestrian use on designated trails- Snow play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping in isolated primitive campsites- Hiking, biking, and equestrian use on designated trails- Interpretation and education through a range of methods that are complementary to the natural setting- Snow play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking and equestrian use on designated trails (roads are outside of Wilderness)- Interpretive and educational programs focused on wilderness values and are mostly self-directed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking, equestrian use, and mountain biking on designated trails only- Interpretive and educational programs focused on natural resource values, preservation and protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking and equestrian use on designated trails- Interpretive and educational programs focused on cultural resource values, preservation and protection- Native American uses by permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking and equestrian use on designated trails- Interpretive and educational opportunities focused on historic resource interpretation and preservation.
Range of Appropriate Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Day use parking- Interpretive elements- Trailhead features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Campsites (group and individual)- Overnight facilities such as cabins- Parking lots- Picnic areas- Visitor serving facilities- Concession facilities- Operations facilities- Interpretive elements- Roads, trails and trailhead features- Park residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interpretive elements- Trails and trailhead features- Footbridges	<p>Facilities are limited to those that protect or enhance resources and result in minimal intrusion to wilderness values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minor interpretive elements- Trails and trailhead features- Footbridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interpretive elements- Trails and trailhead features- Footbridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interpretive elements- Trails and trailhead features- Footbridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parking- Interpretive elements- Trails and trailhead features- Restored and reconstructed historically significant structures and landscape features- Reconstructed cabins (at Stonewall Mine/Cuyamaca City)- Add rustic cabins (at former Camp Hual-Cu-Cuish)
Camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping not permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Developed group and individual campsites- Water typically provided- Flush toilets and showers may be available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Isolated primitive campsites- Water typically not provided- Waterless toilets may be available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping not permitted- Water not provided- Waterless toilets not allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping not permitted- Water not provided- Waterless toilets not allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping not permitted- Water typically not provided- Waterless toilets not allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camping not permitted- Overnight accommodations such as cabins may be available- Flush and waterless toilets may be available
Horseback Riding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Day use parking of rigs and staging of horses allowed in designated areas- Hitching posts or corrals not allowed- Water typically not provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Feeding and watering horses- Corrals and hitching posts- Water typically provided- Riding on designated unpaved roads and trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Riding allowed on designated unpaved roads and trails only- Hitching posts in isolated areas along trails- Water typically not provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Riding allowed on designated trails only- Hitching posts not allowed- Water not provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Riding allowed on designated trails only- Hitching posts not allowed- Water not provided- Trails may be re-routed to minimize impacts- No new trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Riding allowed on designated trails only- Hitching posts may be allowed- Water not provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Riding allowed on designated trails only- Hitching posts may be allowed- Water typically not provided
Mountain Biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Day use parking allowed- Trail access allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mountain bikes allowed on designated roads and trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mountain bikes allowed on designated roads and trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mountain bikes not allowed (Per Public Resources Code)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mountain bikes on designated trails only- Trails may be re-routed to minimize impacts- No new trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mountain bikes on designated roads and trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mountain bikes on paved roads only
Hiking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Day use parking allowed- Trail access allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking allowed on designated roads and trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking allowed on designated roads and trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking allowed on designated trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking on designated trails only- Trails may be re-routed to minimize impacts- No new trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking allowed on designated trails only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hiking allowed on designated trails only

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General Plan - Management Zones
Existing Conditions



MANAGEMENT ZONES MAP - EXISTING CONDITIONS

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MANAGEMENT ZONES MAP - DRAFT PREFERRED ALT.

SOME DRAFT GP PROPOSALS



Park Headquarters Building



Maintenance Bone-yard,
Stonewall Mine



Former Cal Fire Station

Operations

- Maintain Sector Office and main maintenance facilities at Paso Picacho. Consider satellite office and maintenance facilities at Dyar House, Green Valley, and/or Merigan.
- Relocate maintenance bone-yard at Stonewall Mine area to Paso Picacho, Green Valley, and/or Merigan as well as the mounted assistance unit camp and trailer. These are modern, intrusive uses that do not fit with the historic character within the cultural preserve and historic zone.
- Refurbish former Mack Ranch property so it can be used for Park Operations. Property is not suited for public use because of dangerous access onto SR 79 (poor sight lines and high speed vehicles).
- Acquire former radio repeater building atop Cuyamaca Peak for use as a cell tower to improve cell phone communications within the Park and bring the Department additional revenue.

Natural Resources

- Promote the protection of biocorridors to facilitate the movement (disbursal, migration, etc.) of native plants and animals within the Park and the region to preserve natural ecosystem dynamics and allow for natural response to stressors such as climate change.
- Actively manage the Park to reduce the introduction and spread of non-native plant and wildlife species.



Native American Mortars



Stonewall Peak

Cultural Preserves

- Increase the size of the Ah-Ha-Kwe-Ah-Mac/Stonewall Mine Cultural Preserve to incorporate all areas between Stonewall Creek Fire Road (eastern boundary), State Route 79, an area south of the lookout fire Road, and old Spring Trail (southern boundary) – to protect cultural sites.
- Increase size of Cuish Cuish (East Mesa) cultural preserve to incorporate highly significant and concentrated Native American sites.



Lake Cuyamaca Meadows



Lookout Fire Road



Cuyamaca Cypress

Natural Preserves

- Increase size of Cuyamaca Meadow Natural Preserve to incorporate additional meadow areas by Cuyamaca Lake with critical stands of the state-listed endangered Meadow Foam and Cuyamaca Lake Downingia.
- Designate a new 175-acre natural preserve to protect the Cuyamaca Cypress (Federal Species of Concern, CNPS List 1B, and only known to occur within CRSP and adjacent Cleveland National Forest)

SOME DRAFT GP PROPOSALS [CONT.]



Picnic Area at Stonewall Mine

Campgrounds and Visitor Use Facilities

- Rebuild Dyar House and use as a visitor center and/or, park and volunteer administrative offices.
- Rebuild the former Camp Hual-Cu-Cuish for use as a conference/retreat center, mountain or fire research facility (with dorms), or other structured public use. Continue use as equestrian staging area.
- Designate a new equestrian staging area at existing turn-out next to highway 79 near Lake Cuyamaca dam.
- Improve Green Valley Equestrian Campground (sites not level, difficult for larger rigs, more water hookups, add shade ramadas)
- Continue to work with stakeholders to look for a suitable location for an equestrian campground in the north part of the Park. Consider the former Tulloch Ranch parcel in ABDSP and off-site areas as possibilities.
- Prior to any major capital outlay improvements to Green Valley or Paso Picacho Campgrounds, redesign the campgrounds to provide better visitor experiences and improve operations. Some potential issues to address are: **1)** separating tent and RV areas to reduce noise impacts, **2)** providing greater separation between close sites to increase privacy and reduce noise, **3)** increasing the size of small sites, and **4)** grading sites that are too steep for comfortable camping.
- Use the former Calfire station at Paso Picacho as a park administrative office with staff and/or volunteer to greet public, and possible visitor center.
- Replace undersized and old water holding tank at Green Valley (or augment with another one).
- Upgrade (increase) electrical power at Paso Picacho. Determine feasibility of SDG&E upgrade of main power supply as well as use of solar power.



Stonewall Peak Trail



Merigan Fire Road

Trails

- Complete a Roads and Trails Management Plan. Some trails may be changed to multi-use (see below). In addition, trails need to be assessed for needed repairs, erosion, long-term maintenance and potential closures or re-routes, connections to the regional trail system, and reduction of impacts to sensitive areas. Also examine potential trail user conflicts (although few were stated during public input process).
- Consider converting the West Side Trail between Arroyo Seco Fire Road to Japacha Fire Road to allow for multi-use (mountain bikers desire connection from south end to north).
- Consider converting to multi-use, the Cold Stream Trail from West Mesa Fire Road to Paso Picacho (additional north/south connection).
- Establish a trail connection with ABDSP and other regional trails. Recognize and interpret prehistoric and historic trail routes (Native American and Fages).
- Add creek and river crossings (preferably bridges) at strategic locations.
- Add a short, accessible, interpretive loop trail near the existing visitor center.

Special Events

- The Mounting Biking Assistance Unit and Mounted Assistance Unit already hold a yearly benefit ride for the Park. Consider other special recreation events, such as half-marathons and walks for charity or cause that could increase public exposure and support of the Park.



Snow Play

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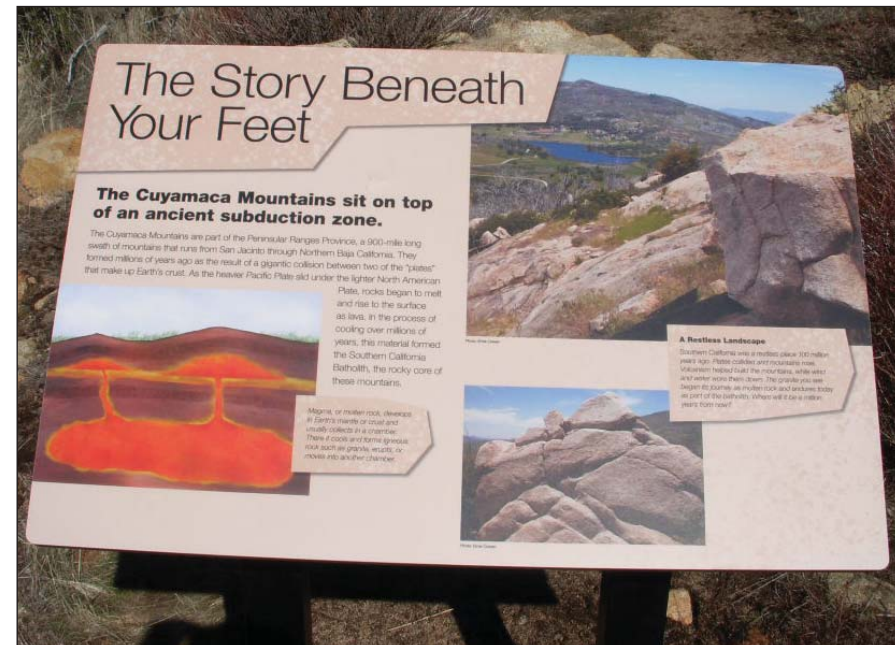
Mine Cage at Stonewall Mine



State Route 79 Road Sign



Overlooking Cuyamaca Lake



Interpretive Panel on Stonewall Peak Trail



Historic Campground Store

New Management Zones

- Establish a management zone within the Ah-Ha-Kwe-Ah-Mac/Stonewall Mine Cultural Preserve that allows for reconstruction and adaptive reuse of some historic buildings of Stonewall Mine/Cuyamaca City (possibly cabins for overnight use) as well as greater interpretation of historic resources.
- Consider the State Route 79 corridor, including its 8 day-use parking lots and adjacent snow play areas, as a "Gateway" zone (which provides parking, and emphasizes trail access, scenic vistas, orientation to the Park, roving interpretation, and snow play).

Interpretation and Education

- Increase coordination efforts with Cuyamaca Outdoor School for improved youth education and involvement
- Place new emphasis on reaching out to youth, as well as under-served, minority, and non-traditional state park users.
- Provide materials that promote the Park's programs in English and in Spanish (e.g., interpretive activities and volunteer opportunities) as part of the Cuyamaca Outdoor School (COS) program (include on COS website, provide copies for each student, etc.).
- Develop short interpretive loop trails (about ¼ to ½ mile total) near Cuyamaca Outdoor School and the Park Visitor Center.
- Explore the use of diverse media (radio, cell phone, bilingual wayside panels, etc.) that can be accessed by potential visitors as they drive along Highway 79.
- Use established DPR programs such as Children in Nature and tie to roving interpretation programs to reach target audiences.
- Include training for staff and volunteer to be outreach ambassadors and schedule outreach programs in the community.
- Coordinate outreach efforts with other parks such as Cleveland National Forest and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park® as well as other public and private institutions.
- Cultivate relationships with programs across the border, the Mexican Consulate, and other organizations involved with providing outdoor and/or educational experiences for potential tourists/visitors to the Park.
- Work with Equestrian and Mountain Bike groups to educate the public in backcountry trail use/camping, including "Leave No Trace" program.
- Refurbish the former Campground Store into an interpretive facility that connects visitors with the significance of Paso Picacho Campground.